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Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/225 of 19 April 1996 and 53/201 of 15 December 1998 on public administration and development,

Recognizing that efficient, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a pivotal role to play in the implementation of the key objectives of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] and, in this context, stressing the need to strengthen national public-sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its resolutions 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 and 1999/51 of 29 July 1999 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Reaffirming its decision 2000/231 of 27 July 2000, by which it endorsed the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance at its fifteenth meeting,[2]

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[2] See E/2000/66.

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 on public administration and development;[3]

2. *Adopts* the text contained in the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to consider, at its organizational session of 2002, the nominations for the membership of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration for Development;

4. *Also decides* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

Annex

Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

1. The Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance shall be renamed the Committee of Experts on Public Administration for Development and shall continue to be a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council without change in its mandate.

2. The Committee shall comprise twenty-four experts who will serve in their personal capacity. The experts shall be nominated by the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, and approved by the Economic and Social Council. The membership will be drawn from the interrelated fields of public economics, public administration and public finance and will reflect an adequate geographical and gender balance. The term of office shall be four years.

3. The Committee shall meet biennially for a period not exceeding ten working days.

4. The Economic and Social Council should provide policy guidance on an appropriate work programme for the Committee. The Committee will submit its report directly to the Council at its substantive session. The report should include the Committee's proposals on its work programme for examination and approval by the Council.

5. In disseminating information on the Committee's work, the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance should be fully utilized.

6. In undertaking its responsibilities, the Committee should, in addition to holding its meetings, explore the scope for effective preparations for its deliberations. The Secretariat should provide assistance in this regard.

[3] A/56/127-E/2001/101 and Add.1.